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" (b) Only those House Surgeons who hold paid posts sanctioned by Government are allowed remuneration.

" (c) The Surgeon-General is the appointing authority.

" (d) No such proposals are under consideration.

" (e) Subject to communal representation as far as possible, candidates are given paid appointments in the order of merit, that is to say, those who have passed in the final examinations without failing in any annual examination are given the first preference and others in the order of merit as evidenced by the results in their examinations."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that there is a great deal of feeling among the House Surgeons that their conditions of service are not exactly what they should be?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHY :—" Yes. If the service conditions of the House Surgeons or Physicians are really so and if there is difficulty, the matter will be considered by Government."

Status and rights of emigrants from this Province.

3. * (17) Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Protectors of Immigrants and their offices have ceased to be under the control of the Government of Madras;

(b) whether the Government of India still continue to consult the Madras Government on questions of policy relating to emigration;

(c) what effective steps are being taken to implement the decisions of the Government of Madras in matters affecting emigration from this Province; and

(d) whether in regard to the status and other rights of emigrants from this Province the Government of Madras are being consulted by the Government of India?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a), (b) & (d) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The Government of India attach due weight to the recommendations of this Government and are expected to do their best to carry them out."

Technical education in the Province.

4. * (28) Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the steps proposed to promote technical education in the Province;

(b) whether to make technical education courses attractive it is proposed to impart education free of cost;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to grant scholarships on a liberal scale to help deserving students; and

(*d*) whether residential accommodation is provided for pupils in technical schools especially for the benefits of pupils coming from the mufassal?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) With a view to promote technical education in the Province the Government in December 1944 constituted an *ad-hoc* Committee composed of heads of departments and experts to consider the question of expansion of technical education. In accordance with the recommendations of this Committee, the Government propose to start six polytechnics and 15 industrial schools. In addition it is proposed to expand and improve the existing institutions in the Province.

" (*b*) Technical courses of the artisan type to be introduced in the proposed industrial schools will be free of cost. But a fee of Rs. 36 per annum will be collected from the candidates admitted to the polytechnics.

" (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative. (Two scholarships of Rs. 20 each per mensem will be awarded for each year of the course in polytechnics and four stipends of the value of Rs. 15 each per mensem per year of course in industrial schools. The total number of stipendiaries proposed would be 500 nearly and the amount involved is Rs. 4,50,000.)

" (*d*) Residential accommodation is provided for in the proposed institutions. At present accommodation is available only in a few institutions."

Income from betting tax from the Race Course, Guindy.

5. * (5) *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the annual income the Government get in the shape of betting tax from the Race Course, Guindy?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" The income derived from betting tax (both Totalisator and Bookmakers) from the Guindy Races during the last three years was as follows :—

1943–44	1944–45	1945–46
RS.	RS.	RS.
6·69 lakhs.	10·53 lakhs.	18·26 lakhs.

Grant of subsidy and loans in respect of the accelerated scheme of sinking new wells, etc.

6. * (18) *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rules governing the grant of subsidy and loans in respect of the accelerated scheme of sinking new wells and the repair of old ones are;